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Healthy School Challenge Peer Education Mini-Grant Program

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Dear School District Staff:

The Montana Team Nutrition Program is sponsoring a Healthy School Challenge Peer Education Mini-Grant program to school staff receiving professional development in the following areas:

1. Healthier school menus and/or healthy a la carte or vending options; and/or,
2. Strategies to enhance nutrition education and physical activity for students.

Twenty \$300 mini-grants will be distributed to support school staff in learning from their peers by visiting and observing operations at another school district in Montana. Healthy menu planning strategies that promote the service of more whole grains, fruits and vegetables, low-fat entrees or low-fat dairy products is a major goal of this mini-grant program.

The mini-grants can also support peer education on the management of school nutrition programs (i.e., school breakfast, afterschool snacks, summer feeding program) or successful strategies in implementing the school wellness policy, improving cost control measures, or food production or service techniques (grab-and-go meals, methods to increase participation in lunch or breakfast programs).

Distribution will be on a first-come, first-served basis with complete and qualified mini-grant applications. Funds will be awarded by March 31, 2008, and must be expended by September 30, 2008.

Enclosed in this packet are:

1. Attachment A: Application Criteria
2. Mini-Grant Application

If you have questions or need further clarification, please contact me by telephone at (406) 994-5641 or by e-mail at kbark@mt.gov. I encourage you to submit the application as soon as possible as mini-grants may be awarded as early as October 15, 2007.

Sincerely,

Katie Bark, RD, LN

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